

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-26 are still pending in this case.

A Decision on Appeal was mailed September 21, 2005 affirming the rejections of claims 1 and 3-26 made in the Final Office Action of February 4, 2004.

In substantial part, the Decision on Appeal addressed the nature of the "packet" term as used in the claims on appeal. See, for example, the Decision on Appeal at page 7, lines 4-5, citing the Examiner's Answer at page 18.

In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 16, 24, 25, and 26 to further limit the packet term as supported by the specification in an attempt to address all of the issues in the Final Office Action, in the Decision on Appeal, and to overcome all of the art of record.

Claim 15 has been amended to remove the multiple dependency language and is now dependent only on claim 1. Claim 15 has also been amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

In view of all of the above, claims 1 and 3-26 are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Amendment. The fee associated with filing an RCE is provided with this submittal. No additional fee is believed due, however, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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